

**HOUSE BILL 543**  
**EMERGENCY BILL**

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By: **Delegate Marriott (By Request - Baltimore City Administration) and  
Delegates Carter, Doory, Goodwin, Hammen, Harrison, Haynes, Kirk,  
Krysiak, McIntosh, Paige, and Rosenberg**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2004

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Tax Sales - Auctioneer's Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the auctioneer's fee in Baltimore City allowed as an  
4 expense relating to certain tax sales of property; making this Act an emergency  
5 measure; and generally relating to the auctioneer's fee in Baltimore City  
6 allowed as an expense relating to certain tax sales of property.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article - Tax - Property  
9 Section 14-813(e)(2)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
13 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article - Tax - Property**

15 14-813.

16 (e) (2) The auctioneer's fee allowed in paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
17 be:

18 (i) except in BALTIMORE CITY, Caroline County, Carroll County,  
19 Dorchester County, Kent County, Queen Anne's County, Somerset County, Wicomico  
20 County, or Worcester County:

21 1. for any date when 1, 2, or 3 properties are sold, an amount  
22 not to exceed \$10; and

23 2. for any date when 4 or more properties are sold, \$3 for  
24 each property sold;

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1 (ii) in Caroline County, Dorchester County, and Somerset County,  
2 \$10 for each property sold, but in no event may the auctioneer's fee be less than \$50  
3 a day or greater than \$200 a day;

4 (iii) in Kent County, an amount not exceeding \$7.50 for each  
5 property sold;

6 (iv) in Queen Anne's County, \$7.50 for each property sold;

7 (v) in Wicomico County, \$8 for each property sold;

8 (vi) in Worcester County, the greater of \$8 for each property sold or  
9 \$300, to be allocated pro rata among each property sold; [and]

10 (VII) IN BALTIMORE CITY:

11 1. FOR ANY DATE WHEN 1, 2, OR 3 PROPERTIES ARE SOLD, AN  
12 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$10;

13 2. FOR ANY DATE WHEN 4 OR MORE PROPERTIES ARE SOLD,  
14 \$3 FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD; AND

15 3. IN AN ELECTRONIC SALE, AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED  
16 \$10 FOR EACH PROPERTY SOLD; AND

17 [(vii)] (VIII) in Carroll County, the amount set by the Carroll  
18 County Commissioners.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
20 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
21 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
22 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
23 the date it is enacted.